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Int'l Appl. No.	PCT/US03/14304	
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First Named Inventor	LEE, RANDALL J.	
Examiner Name	N/A	
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Sir:

In response to our Status Inquiry of April 27, 2005, the Patent Office sent a Communication dated May 23, 2005 indicating that the **Petition to Revive an Application Abandoned**Unintentionally, we filed on **December 22, 2004**, had not yet reached the Office of PCT Legal Administration. The Communication strongly suggested that a copy of the petition be faxed to the Office of PCT Legal Administration to the number above.

Accordingly, with this response we enclose copies of the following as filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office On December 22, 2004::

- 1) Transmittal (4 pages)
- 2) Application Information Sheet (2 pages)
- 3) Petition to Revive an Application Abandoned Unintentionally (1 page)
- 4) Preliminary Amendment (6 pages)
- 5) the first page of PCT international application serial no. PCT/US03/14304, filed May 7, 2003, and published as PCT application WO 03/094697

We also enclose:

- a copy of the return postcard date stamped by the Patent Office on December 22, 2004 and noting the Express Mail label no., which returned postcard acknowledges receipt of the documents filed on December 22, 2004, and assigned the application U.S. application serial no. 10/519,128
- 7) a copy of the Communication dated May 23, 2005

Atty Dkt. No.: UCAL-253US1

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Applicants respectfully request consideration of the Petition and further request to be informed of the current status of the petition filed for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Title	METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR CORRECTION OF CARDIAC CONDUCTION DISTURBANCES	

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.137(b) to revive the above application, which was abandoned as of November 9, 2004 for failure to enter the National Phase under 35 U.S.C. §371 within 30 months of the earliest priority date of PCT/US03/14304.

As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)(1), this petition is filed with an application which claims priority to the above-referenced application under 35 U.S.C. §371.

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No Terminal Disclaimer is required since the subject application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. (37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)(4).

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the large entity petition fcc of \$1,500.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m), and charge any shortages of fees or credit any overages, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815 (37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)(2)).

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DISTURBANCES"

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application on the merits, please enter the amendments below.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

After the last page of the claims on page 41, insert as separately number page 42 the following abstract:

METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR CORRECTION OF CARDIAC CONDUCTION DISTURBANCES

The invention provides methods for establishing electrical coupling between cardiomyocytes and recombinant cells which have been genetically engineered to express a connexin protein such as connexin 43 (Cx43) protein. The invention is based on the discovery that genetic modification of skeletal muscle cells to express a recombinant connexin, enables the genetically modified cells to establish electrocommunication with cardiac cells via gap junctions. The recombinant connexinexpressing cells can be used for repair of cardiac tissue and for treatment of cardiac disease by transplantation into cardiac tissue.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of establishing an electrical connection between a recombinant mammalian cell and a myocardial cell, the method comprising:

contacting a myocardial cell with a recombinant mammalian fibroblast cell genetically modified to produce a connexin protein, said contacting being in a manner sufficient to provide for production of an electrical connection between the myocardial cell and the recombinant cell;

wherein an electrical connection between the recombinant cell and the myocardial cell is established.

2. - 5. (Canceled)

- 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the connexin protein is a connexin 43 protein.
- 7. (Currently Amended) A The method of claim 1, wherein said contacting comprises implanting the recombinant cell into myocardial tissue of a subject.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein after the electrical connection between the recombinant cell and the myocardial cell is established, the recombinant cell exhibits has similar conductive characteristics similar to that of the myocardial cell.

9. - 12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method of establishing an electrical connection between a recombinant skeletal-muscle fibroblast cell and a myocardial cell, the method comprising:

contacting a myocardial cell with a recombinant skeletal myoblast fibroblast cell genetically modified to express a recombinant connexin 43 protein, said contacting being in a manner sufficient to provide for production of an electrical connection between the myocardial cell and the recombinant skeletal myoblast fibroblast cell;

wherein an electrical connection between the recombinant skeletal-myoblast fibroblast cell and the myocardial cell is established so that the recombinant skeletal myoblast fibroblast cell has similar conductive characteristics as the of the myocardial cell.

14. (Currently Amended) A method for treating a cardiac conduction disturbance in a host, the method comprising:

introducing into cardiac tissue of a host a therapeutically effective amount of a recombinant mammalian fibroblast cell, which recombinant cell is genetically modified to express a connexin protein, said introducing being effective to establish an electrical connection between the recombinant cell and a myocardial cell of the host cardiac tissue;

wherein the cardiac conduction disturbance in the host is treated.

15. -- 18. (Canceled)

- 19. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the connexin protein is a connexin 43 protein.
- 20. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein said introducing comprises implanting the recombinant cell into an infarct region of the cardiac tissue.
 - 21. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the recombinant cell is autologus to the host.
- 22. (Currently Amended) A method for treating a cardiac conduction disturbance in a mammalian host, the method comprising:

introducing into cardiac tissue of the host a therapeutically effective amount of a <u>recombinant</u> fibroblast skeletal muscle cell genetically modified to express a connexin 43 protein, said introducing

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being effective to establish an electrical connection between the introduced recombinant skeletal muscle <u>fibroblast</u> cell and a myocardial cell of the host cardiac tissue;

wherein the cardiac conduction disturbance is treated.

23. - 24. (Canceled)

- 25. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein said introducing comprises implanting the recombinant cell into an infarct region of the cardiac tissue.
- 26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein the recombinant skeletal muscle fibroblast cell is autologus to the host.

REMARKS UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Formal Matters

Claims 1, 6-8, 13, 14, 19-22, and 25-26 are pending after entry of the amendments above.

Claims 2-5, 9-12, 15-16, and 21-24 are canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1, 7, 8, 13, 14, 22 and 26 are amended. Support for these amendments is found in the specification and claims as originally filed.

The specification is amended to insert an abstract. Support for the abstract is found in the specification at page 3, line 31 to page 4, line 6.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks made herein.

No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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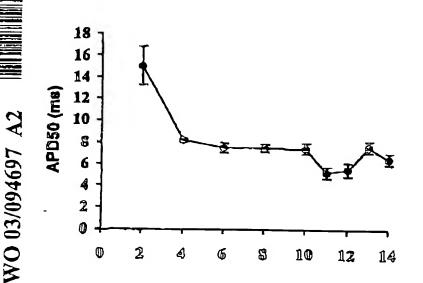
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